



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Weather conditions were warm with temperatures down and precipitation amounts up from the previous week. Scattered rains have been mostly beneficial, but there are areas that aren't getting as much moisture, and crops are getting stressed. Farming activities for the week included making hay and harvesting apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/14/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	27	66	4
Subsoil	2	18	77	3

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/14/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	6	27	50	17
Cotton	-	2	8	90	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	37	53	7
Hay, Other	1	6	30	57	6
Peanuts	-	-	10	85	5
Soybeans	-	5	30	55	10
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	18	78	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	11	40	45	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	14	34	41	11
Pasture	1	8	38	44	9

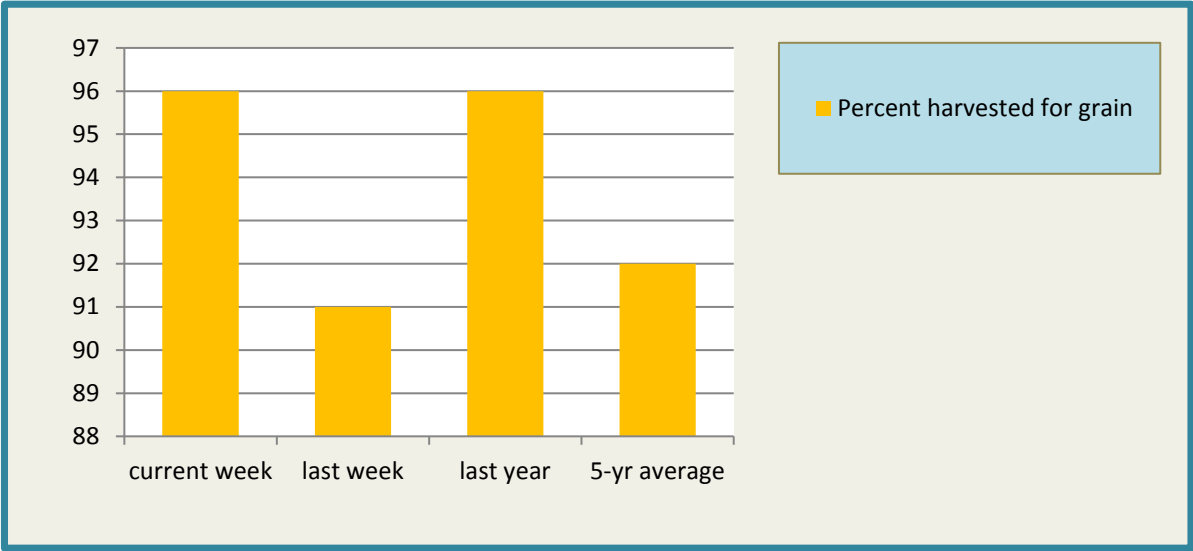
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/14/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	6	2	4	3
Corn silking	70	55	68	62
Corn dough	41	23	33	-
Corn dented	3	-	-	-
Cotton squaring	77	58	79	77
Cotton setting bolls	9	1	11	12
Peanuts pegging	62	44	43	36
Soybeans emerged	97	90	90	89
Soybeans blooming	30	15	17	14
Soybeans setting pods	9	-	6	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	96	91	96	92

-Represents data not available.

WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 07/14/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 14, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to July 13	Mar. 1 to July 13 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	69	93	67	79	4	2107	1815	1.04	5.68	0.06	22.98	-0.71
Norfolk	88	73	93	67	81	2	2489	1987	1.12	5.88	0.12	24.62	0.49
Richmond	90	71	93	67	81	3	2375	1987	2.24	10.18	4.86	30.56	7.41
Roanoke	90	70	93	69	80	4	2224	NA	0.18	5.79	0.48	23.53	0.24
Wash/Dulles	87	67	91	60	77	2	2017	NA	1.31	3.98	-1.62	23.86	1.36

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Another hot week. A few scattered storms prevented drought stress.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Rockbridge County was hot and humid this week, but soil moisture levels were maintained by thunderstorms the previous Sunday and on Friday of this week. Overall, crop conditions are good, and hay supplies for the fall and winter appear to be adequate.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Everything looks good, a few scattered rainstorms throughout the week.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

The lack of any rainfall for the past week, in addition to a lack of adequate rainfall this summer is starting to show in most cornfields in Caroline. In short, all crops are showing signs of moisture stress.

EASTERN

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SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

High temperatures and scattered rains have left some fields and pastures lush, while others are hurting for moisture. More widespread rain is in the forecast and thus far, no one is in critical condition. That said, even soil with plenty of moisture can dry quickly with temperatures in the 90s with high humidity.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

High temperatures during this week with little rain in areas of the county are drying the soil out.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Corn is starting to show stress from lack of rain over the last 10 days. The peanut crop over a majority of the county is doing well.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Weekly increments of rain are helping crop progress. Temperatures have subsided from the 90's last week during these critical weeks of corn pollination. Farmers are trying to time hay cuttings with dry periods for curing.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Last week heavy thunderstorms knocked down tobacco, and was hard on other crops as well. The rainfall caused many streams and the river to rise, as well as get very muddy. This is extra hard on producers who have already had to replant several acres of soybeans and other crops this growing season.

SUFFOLK CITY (Elizabeth Pittman)

Multiple days of heavy rain resulted in minor flash flooding.